



Outdoor Burning Responses

Now that the BURN BAN has been lifted, we are asking that the fire departments refer all outdoor burning complaints and violations to Harris County Pollution Control.

Complaint Response and Investigations

Responding to complaints and conducting investigations is one of PCS's highest priorities. PCS has historically relied on citizen complaints and enforcement of the Nuisance Rule and Outdoor Burning Rule to address air pollution in Harris County.

How do I make a complaint or report a pollution violation?

If you live in the unincorporated area of Harris County or inside the city limits of any city except Houston, you can call pollution control at **(713) 920-2831, 24 hours per day.**

If you live inside the Houston City limits, call (713) 640-4200 for air pollution complaints or (713) 640-4399 for water pollution complaints.

If you live outside Harris County, call the TCEQ at (713) 767-3500.

If you live in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, you can burn trash and leaves produced at your residence if you do not have regular garbage service provided by a government agency. You should check your deed restrictions also. You cannot burn any material generated by a business. If you live inside the Houston City Limits contact the Bureau of Air Quality Control at 640-4200 for information on burning. If you live inside the city limits of any other city, call your city health department or fire marshal.

A person burning may not:

- **Cause a nuisance to your neighbors under any circumstances.**
- **Endanger any structure or population.**
- **Cause a traffic hazard from smoke crossing a roadway or street.**

If you have any questions, you can call a HCFMO investigator or inspector using normal dispatch procedures.